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NO CHILD'S PLAY.

The man who flippantly remarks on the work of the Convention as easy of performance just don't stop to think. The framing of Constitutions under any and all conditions is grave and serious matter, but as conditions now exist in Virginia and all other Southern States the problem is deep and hard of solution.

What's best to do and how best are mighty questions. To be just and merciful at one and the same time is no easy matter. To make right division and reach right conclusion, and vants. He will bear watching. then give good reason for it all may not be possible. And the latter may not be necessary. Children cannot be made to appreciate the necessity or utility of restraint, and yet they must be properly and justly restrained in the interest of the entire family as well as for the good of the entire community in which the family resides.

So with dealing with ignorant voters, it is hard to make them understand that their ignorance unrestrained is hurtful to themselves and their fellow citizens. The thing to be concerned about, therefore, is the right, and not so much the reason for it. And yet the pathway of the member of the Constitutional Convention who wants to do the very best thing is beset with difficulties, and he is entitled to the sy npathies of all and the prayers of the pious.

Patience, too, ought to have its good work towards him.

This doesn't mean, however, that the people should or will forgive waste of time or wind.

Condensed light is strong light. So with speeches. All-day talks are out of date. People read now-a-days, and the speaker is under no necessity to tell it all. Some members have been laboring under that delusion, We trust the spell will be off when the work is on again. While the work is difficult men of thought and of earnestness can accomplish it. This Virginia expects.

Mr. Watson, of Nottoway, a member of the Constitutional Convention, knows where the shoe pinches. Nothing better than this has been said:

"The history of the human race from the beginning of the world," said Mr. Watson, "furnishes no instance of two races living together on attempted equality without one of them going to the wall. We never stopped to indulge in finnicky sentiment about the Indians when we settled this country. It was a race as to who could get his scalp

"California shut the doors of the golden gates on the Chinaman and settled the question in short order. Events have shown that if such a course had not been pursued California might today be owned by Chinamen."

The Public Ledger of Norfolk was 25 years old on the 2nd inst. During its quarter of a century of existence its editorial columns and business departments have been in charge of Messrs. Edwards and Fiveash, who are entitled to all the good things which their coworkers have been recently saying of

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We have recently read with interest the memorial addresses which were delivered in Congress on the occasion of the death of the late Hon. Sydney In any quantity, and guar-P. Epes. Nothing better was said of him than this: "I never heard him anteed to please. . . . speak evil of another. I never heard an evil word spoken of him."

Of few men could that be truthfully said. This old world would be wonderfully improved if that could be truthfully said of all men and women, too.

McLaurin, of South Carolina, who is undertaking to be a Republican-Democrat, has been asked to cut off the Democratic appex and be Republican pure and simple. That's the manly thing to do, but he hasn't the courage to do it. Tillman's "fork" must be invoked to unload the nuisance.

Forks are useful on farms and Tillman's is useful on folks.

The Christian Scientists, of Norfolk, have bought the 2nd Presbyterian church of that city, for \$12,500. That indicates more strength than we had given the body credit. It is comfort ing to know that one need not get sick, and if one does get sick he need not send for the doctor.

"Our system of taxing personal property in the country districts is ludierous," says the Richmond Times," and we beg to say, that the system of not taxing personal property in the cities amounts to larceny against the

Now and then "Tom" Reed is mentioned in connection with the Presi dency, but the latest bouquet thrown to him was in the shape of the mayoralty of New York. Unless he has been Tammanyized he had as well contend for the bigger prize.

We would like to repeat and make emphatic, that the representative people of this section, so far as we are advised, and we flatter ourselves that we know as much of the situation as others, are demanding of the Convention J. L. HART Editor and Proprietor a "turn key job," and a good one. They have a right to expect protection against ignorance, the correction of mistakes, and the most economical administration of public affairs possible.

We don't know why Mr. Rockefeller, who is worth \$1,000,000,000, should be sending a wagon through the country picking up pennies. "Little drops of water and little grains of sand," he may have learned at his mother's knee.

The Richmond Times says: "The State had better learn how to run its own business before it attempts to run the busines of the railroad." That's what the Constitutional Convention is in session for.

When Mr. Kruger asked the hand of the late Mrs. Kruger in marriage she said: "I can sew, I can cook, I can bake bread, I can scour and I can sweep." What more need be added?

Look out for the hand of Tom Martin in the election of members of the next legislature. Beaten by the people he will appeal to peoples' (?) ser-

The body of the Dowager Empres was embedded "in a mass of tube and La France roses." Very beautiful and Is large and liberal and will attract appropriate tribute, but she was dead.

The mayor of Winchester, Va., has waged successful war against mosquitoes by the use of kerosene oil on the oonds where they were hatched.

The Richmond Times thinks the Convention ran against a "snag," and therefore backed out for a time. Not snag, brother, but nag.

In order to make a long speech (some speeches are long only), Mr. Wysor had to fling in extensive quotations from anti-election addresses.

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